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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 20, 2005, said period of response being extended from July 20, 2005 to August, 2005, which falls on a Saturday, extending the time for response to Monday, August 22, 2005.

Our check in the amount of \$120,00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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